

1. Disaster relief funding to include monies for Drinking Water and Wastewater Infrastructure damaged by Hurricanes and declared disasters. For Example, Hurricane Michael estimated damages by FRWA engineers to be \$209 million to water and wastewater systems in the impact area. The State of Florida Legislature is considering funding through FDEP, targeting Triumph/BP spills money to tune of requested \$50 million and collateral to help finance cash flow/gaps through interim funding until FEMA monies and federal monies arrive. This may be a couple years and communities are suffering now with increased expenses/decreased revenue (customers) and property tax reevaluation losses. Need your Congressional/federal help in addition to state efforts for water utility customers in the impacted areas
2. General Water Utility Infrastructure monies in any Infrastructure Package(s) in Congress. Aging Infrastructure needs include Water and Wastewater Plants and associated Distribution and Collection systems. Strong need here if monies can be allocated to these needs.
3. We are concerned about the establishment of a MCL for PFAS. This will cause the cost of treatment/compliance to be passed on to water utility customers who didn't cause the problem. The issues/contamination impacts to water quality comes from Industrial, Governmental (military-fire suppression materials), etc. and the treatment/cleanup should come from the polluter over the water utility customer who didn't cause the issue but live on a regulated public water system. EPA seems to be in agreement and signaling this position.
4. Lead and Copper reforms—many discussions and proposals are floating around to tighten requirements on Public Water Systems which may be very costly with small public health improvements that we should all be very concerned about. But, the Florida Water Industry believes one issue needs to be addressed and that is Lead in Schools drinking water. We believe we need solutions here that include school sampling for lead, flushing of school plumbing (water sitting for extended periods of time while school is out is very problematic), and education. There is some pending legislation in the Florida State Legislature to require sampling and lead reduction and FRWA is encouraging the Florida Public Water systems to develop/adopt/implement Best Management Practices to help schools with sampling/flushing/education, etc. National and Federal efforts may also be needed on this related to protection of our children.